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SUBJECT: GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR AMBASSADORS

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1. FOLLOWING IS SUBJECT DRAFT (REFTEL) FOR YOUR COMMENT
AND SUGGESTED CHANGES, WHICH SHOULD BE CABLED TO DEPT.
ASAP BUT NLT SEPT. 6.

2. ASSIST IN BROAD-BASED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

-- ENSURE EARLY ASSESSMENT OF EMERGENCY FOOD NEEDS AND
PROMPT RESPONSE UNDER PL 480 PROGRAM IN COORDINATION WITH
OTHER MAJOR WESTERN DONORS.

-- SUPPORT MALIAN EFFORTS TO INCREASE NATIONAL FOOD PRODUC-
TION THROUGH LONG-TERM PROJECTS IN IMPROVED SEED, BETTER
CULTIVATION PRACTICES, RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE, AND BEEF
PRODUCTION AND MARKETING.

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-- MAKE CAREFUL USE OF SELF-HELP AND AIP FUNDS TO FINANCE
PROJECTS WITH IMMEDIATE AND WORTHWHILE IMPACT.

-- SEEK OPPORTUNITIES TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF PEACE
CORPS VOLUNTEERS, PARTICULARLY IN THE AREAS OF FOOD

PRODUCTION AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT.

3. FOSTER REGIONAL COOPERATION

-- EMPHASIZE REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THROUGH MULTI-DONOR ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS CLUB DU SAHEL, CILSS, OMVS.

-- ENCOURAGE MALIAN PARTICIPATION IN REGIONAL ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS, ESPECIALLY ECOWAS.

4. SUPPORT BROADER POLITICAL PARTICIPATION

-- EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR THE GOVERNMENT'S PLAN TO REINSTITUTE POLITICAL LIFE AND EFFECT A TIMELY RETURN TO CIVILIAN RULE.

5. IMPROVE BILATERAL RELATIONS

-- CONTINUE DIALOGUE WITH MALIAN GOVERNMENT ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES OF SHARED INTEREST: NIEO, NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE, AND PEACEFUL CHANGE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. ATTEMPT TO MOVE MALIAN GOVERNMENT TO MORE GENUINELY NEUTRAL POSITION IN INTERNATIONAL FORA.

-- ENCOURAGE CONGRESSIONAL AND OTHER HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIAL

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VISITS. MAINTAIN USIS INFORMATION AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS.

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6. MONITOR ACTIVITIES OF COMMUNIST GOVERNMENTS

-- CONTINUE TO KEEP CLOSE TRACK OF ACTIVITIES OF COMMUNIST GOVERNMENTS IN MALI, PARTICULARLY SOVIET PROGRAMS TO

IMPROVE MALIAN MILITARY INFRASTRUCTURE, (E.G., AIRPORTS) AND THE MALIAN ARMED FORCES.

7. PROMOTE ROLE OF U.S. PRIVATE SECTOR

-- SEEK TO ELIMINATE REVERSES TO TRADE PREFERENCES AND OTHER DISCRIMINATORY BARRIERS TO U.S. PRODUCTS.

-- SEEK OPPORTUNITIES FOR U.S. PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF MALIAN NATURAL RESOURCES AND INFRASTRUCTURE.

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